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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Legislation Division

FROM:



Legislation Division, OLL

SUBJECT:

OMB Referral of ^{State} Staff Draft Response
on S. Res. 34

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1. By March 8, 1985, I had received two responses to the draft Department of State views letter on S. Res. 34 which the Office of Management and Budget had referred here for review and which I, in turn, had sent to the Directorate of Operations and the Office of General Counsel for comment.

2. The DO concurred completely in the letter. The Office of General Counsel responded by phone on the 8th (the OGC memorandum followed later). The substance of the OGC response was that, while the decision was a policy one, it was difficult to see how State could disagree with the resolution which, in effect, opposed Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and supported the Afghan freedom fighters.

3. Since DO clearly liked the State letter as a matter of policy and OGC was expressing no legal objection, I concluded that the best response to OMB would be a "no objection" response. I, therefore, recommended to the D/OLL that I indicated "no objection" to OMB and he concurred.

4. I subsequently provided this response to OMB.

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